From Thomas H. Barker.

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41, JOHN DALTON STREET,
Manchester June 24 1867

Dear Mr Garrison

I have your very kind note of yesterday — for both of which I thank you heartily, especially the smaller one.

You will see by the enclosed copy of Circular that I had commenced the arrangements in full expectation that you could be with us next week; but no step has been taken that renders it actually impossible that we should succeed at

present moment.
In some respects I find that the later date will be better as many of our friends are away - during August & Sept. or
Still we can get a "Breakfast" or a "Dinner" on July 4th - if you care and time.
It is my kind of you to give me carte blanche to choose either the 2nd or 4th July. If I could choose the glorious 4th!
Seeing, however, that you think that the Cobden Club arrangements may be such as you could cordially approve; and knowing how desirable it is for you, as many friends, to be at that gathering, I shall best consult the wishes of your London friends, and

possible you can, by leaving you again at liberty to return and decide for yourself, after again consulting with Mr Chesson and Mr Thomson (we can both get a very influential gathering in Oct.) but we can give you an hearty, cordial & enthusiastic Welcome now.

The 'Toast-drinking' customs here, as in London, are not congenial to my mind any more than to yours. And I had thought we might have the 'Breakfast' or 'Dinner' — at the Travellers Hotel, which

is conducted on
strict temperance
principles. No can
not done; and
the thing can be as
well done as at
the Queen's — for pure
wines can be procured.
Some public men
might not like it
much, but all
your communications
would support it.
If you decide for
Aug 4th — please
telegraph me in
the morning; and
I will at once send
for a "Dinner" or
"Temperance Banquet."
If you do not send
me a telegraph I shall
conclude that your
visit is deferred like
Oct — for a Parnell.
Ever Yours
Edmund Hind Mott